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SUBJECT: BRITISH VIEWS ON NAMIBIA IN SECURITY COUNCIL

1. BRITISH PERMREP RICHARD APPROACHED AMBASSADOR BENNETT AT EVENING RECEPTION 22 MAY TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA. RICHARD SAID BRITISH WOULD VETO ANY REFERENCE TO CHAPTER 7 LANGUAGE, EVEN LANGUAGE CONFINED TO ARMS EMBARGO. HE WENT ON TO SAY HE DID NOT BELIEVE THERE WOULD BE ANY TROUBLE WITH FRENCH THIS TIME BECAUSE THEY FEEL THEMSELVES UNDER THE GUN. ARMS EMBARGO LANGUAGE CAUSES THE BRITISH NO PROBLEM PER SE BUT THEY ARE OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO ANY CHAPTER 7 LANGUAGE.

2. RICHARD SAID HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN THAT LATTER ADDRESS MESSAGES TO SELECTED AFRICAN LEADERS, SUCH AS NYERERE, GOWON AND KAUNDA -- HE THOUGHT LAST NAMED WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN THE EQUATION -- APPRISING
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THEM FRANKLY OF UK POSITION AND URGING THEM AGAINST

RESORT TO CHAPTER 7 LANGUAGE IN ANY SC RESOLUTION.
RICHARD SUGGESTED THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER MIGHT WISH
TO CONSIDER TAKING SIMILAR ACTION. BENNETT TOLD RICHARD
HE WOULD REPORT CONVERSATION TO THE DEPARTMENT.
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